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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) of prior pending patent application Serial No. 08/765,046, filed on November 15, 1996 entitled NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS by the following inventor(s):

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. ☒ Enter the amendment previously filed on April 27, 1999, but unentered, in the prior application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:

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- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is already filed in the prior application.
- ☐ A Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) is attached.
3. ☒ Payment of fees:
 - ☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 760.00.
 - ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
 4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
 5. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 86259/1995, filed on March 17, 1995 in Japan and application Serial No. 117874/1995, filed on April 18, 1995 in Japan and application Serial No. 194657/1995, filed on July 31, 1995 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 6. ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. PCT/JP96/00637, filed March 14, 1996 .
 7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Osaka Gas Company Limited located at Osaka Japan and Eniricerche S.p.A. located at San Donato Milanese, Italy.

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9. ☒ A petition and fee to extend the term in the prior application until May 27, 1999 are enclosed herewith.
10. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
11. ☐ Also Enclosed:
12. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Douglas P. Mueller** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
13. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter
the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 17, line 1 and 2, please replace "any one of claims 16, 10, 11 or 12" with
—claim 16—.

Please add the following claims:

20. (New) The process for reducing NO_x according to claim 16, wherein 90% or
more of the hydrocarbons contained in the exhaust gas, calculated in terms of methane, are
hydrocarbons having four or fewer carbons.

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